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## Hungary

### Poultry and Products

## Second Case of Avian Influenza Confirmed in Hungary

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 29, the EU's Weybridge Central Veterinary Laboratory in the U.K. announced that their tests confirmed the presence of the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of Avian Influenza found in the samples taken on January 22nd from Lapisto. On the same day, Hungarian authorities announced a second outbreak close to the first location in southeastern Hungary. Veterinary authorities ordered the culling of 9,400 birds at the farm of this outbreak and preventive zones were expanded around the premises. Several countries, including Croatia, Serbia, Russia and Japan, have closed their market to Hungarian poultry and poultry products. EU organizations and member states found the measures of the Hungarian veterinary service satisfactory and have not instituted trade restrictions.

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On January 29, the EU's Weybridge Central Veterinary Laboratory in the U.K. announced that their tests confirmed the presence of the highly pathogenic H5N1 Avian Influenza (AI) strain of the bird flu found in the samples taken on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from Lapisto (for additional information see GAIN report, HU7002). According to Hungary's Chief Veterinary Officer, the identified virus is similar to the line isolated at waterfowl in France, Ukraine, Romania and Slovenia last year.

On the same day, Hungarian authorities announced a second AI outbreak in a goose farm located eight kilometers away from the initial discovery. This latest occurrence has surprised animal health experts, as the animals were kept in closed barns with only registered and disinfected staff members allowed to enter.

The veterinary authorities have ordered the cull of 9,400 birds at the second farm. The prevention zones around the affected locations have been expanded accordingly.

The economic impact of the two outbreaks has not been assessed yet. However, the expanded surveillance area of the two cases cover eight major poultry farms with 8,000 to 10,000 birds each. Several countries, including Croatia, Serbia, Russia and Japan, have closed their markets to Hungarian poultry products. The European Union and member states have found the Hungarian veterinary measures in compliance with the required guidelines and no trade restrictions have been implemented.

In 2005, Hungary exported USD 362 million worth of poultry products to the world, of which USD 287 million (79 %) went to other EU countries. Hungarian poultry exports to Japan were USD 12 million and total combined exports to Croatia, Serbia, and Russia were USD 5.7 million.